GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4408
ANSWERED ON:18.12.2001
GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL BUSES
SHEESH RAM SINGH RAVI

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Supreme Court guidelines laid down for school buses in Delhi;

(b) whether the Delhi Traffic Police has expressed their inability to implement all the guidelines;

(c) if so, the details in this regard and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Delhi Traffic Police has not posted any constables on bus-stands located near schools as buses are plying recklessly on Delhi roads;

(e) the total number of school buses impounded by the Police during the last one year; and

(f) the details of instructions issued by the Government to the Delhi Police to enforce the guidelines laid down by the Hon`ble Supreme Court ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): The Supreme Court of India in its order dated the 20th November, 1997 in the Writ Petition No. 13029 of 1985 had directed that no bus belonging to or hired by an educational institution shall be driven by a driver who has (a) less than 10 years of experience; (b) been challaned more than twice for a minor traffic offence; and (c) been charged for any offence relating to rash and negligent driving. It was futher ordered that the school buses shall carry a suitable inscription to indicate that they are on duty on behalf of an educational institution.

(b); No, Sir.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): The Delhi Police have deployed Traffic Police personnel at 227 vulnerable bus stops in various parts of the city during the opening and closing hours of the schools to ensure safety of the school children.

(e): During the last 12 months Delhi Police impounded 708 school buses for violation of traffic rules and regulations.

(f): The directions issued by the Supreme Court of India have been suitably incorporated by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi in the Delhi Motor Vehicles Rules, 1993, as amended in 1998.